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SoCal Adventures

LOCAL EXPERIENCES

THE SIGHTS

CHECK OUT THE USS MIDWAY The Midway is not just a really, really big boat -- it's a piece of America's military history sitting right out on the bay. There are more than 60 exhibits aboard and 29 restored aircraft that you can check out.

SEE THE SEALS AND SEA LIONS LOUNGING AT LA JOLLA COVE If you don't mind the stench, it is quite a sight to see a beach full of seals napping and sunning themselves. At the very least, it's amusing to watch the tourists posing with them for photos.

SPEND THE DAY IN BALBOA PARK Balboa is like the Central Park of San Diego with 1,200 acres of hiking trails, fountains, performing art venues, gardens, and museums to explore right in the middle of the city. Clear the day and lose track of time.

VISIT A WORLD-CLASS ZOO Our zoo is one of the best not only in the country, but also in the world, housing more than 3,700 animals. It could take you a couple of days to see everything there is to see in its 99 acres of property, but if you want to cover as much ground as possible, you should hop on one of the tour buses.

STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS If you want to see 50 acres of incredible eye-popping color, visit the The Flower Fields. You can only see the Tecolote Giant Ranunculus in all its glory mid-March thru mid-April, so don't miss it.

CATCH A SUNSET AT SUNSET CLIFFS They don't call it Sunset Cliffs for nothing. This is one of the most breathtaking places in San Diego to watch a sunset while staring out at the ocean. On the right day you can see dolphins or catch the whales migrating up and down the coast.

TIDEPOOLING From a distance they just look like a bunch of holes full of seawater, but when you get up close you'll find all kinds of interesting things hiding in them. These mini ecosystems are full of sea creatures like starfish, anemones, and tiny crabs.





ADVENTURE SEEKERS

HIKE POTATO CHIP ROCK This is quite possibly the most-hyped hiking trail in this county, located between Poway and Ramona on the Mt. Woodson Trail. The hike is a bit of an uphill challenge, but it's a great workout with spectacular views as your reward at the end. If you're going to do it, you should wait in line to have your picture taken posing on this infamous piece of rock.

SURF. OR AT LEAST TRY TO The bazillion die-hard surfers in San Diego can't be wrong; surfing is incredible. The soft waves of Coronado are perfect for learning how to surf before heading up the coast to tackle the waves at Ocean Beach or Black's Beach.

GO WHALE WATCHING San Diego is in a prime position to catch the annual migration of all kinds of whales just off the coast. There are tons of different tours you can hop on to get an up-close look, although if you're lucky, you can catch a glimpse of them right from the shore.

SNORKEL IN LA JOLLA COVE Not everyone can get scuba certified, but if you want to check out the underwater world in La Jolla and swim with some curious sea lions, then grab a snorkel and take a lap around the cove. This is the perfect spot to do it since the area is protected from the ocean waves.

PLAY GOLF AT TORREY PINES Even if you're not Tiger Woods-level, the property is beautiful with incredible views of the ocean from the 36-hole golf course.

SOAR ABOVE THE COAST Adrenaline junkies head straight to The Torrey Pines Gliderport, the premiere location for paragliding, hang gliding, remote control models and sailplanes.

LAND A WHOPPER Head to the sportfishing fleet in Point Loma for a half-day run to the local kelp beds, a private charter to the islands or outer banks, or a long-range trip, deep into Mexican waters for a shot at marlin, tuna, halibut, dorado, yellowtail and more.

POPULAR DAY TRIPS FROM THE DEL

CARLSBAD Travel Time: 30-45 minutes

Beaches, flower fields, LEGOLAND, or food, there is plenty to explore in Carlsbad. The Museum of Making Music is a nice hidden gem, and the short drive gives you plenty of time to explore.

JULIAN Travel Time: 1 hour

Up in the mountains, this quaint community is a popular destination for apple pie, hiking or fishing, antiques, picking apples, bed and breakfasts and snow play in the winter.

MOUNT LAGUNA Travel Time: 1 hour

Spend some time outdoors and take in the fresh air. Hike, explore, or take the scenic drive on Sunrise Highway. During the winter, there's sledding and cross-country skiing. There is also an observatory there for stargazing.



TEMECULA Travel Time: 1 hour

Visit the wine country, hit the golf courses, spend the afternoon in old town, or hop on a hot air balloon and see the vineyards from the sky.

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO Travel Time: 1 hour

Grounded in a history of Native American culture, the city of San Juan Capistrano offers a lot of rich history. You can visit the historic Mission, hike the surrounding trails, or spend time in their quaint downtown.

BORREGO SPRINGS Travel Time: 2 hours

This two hour drive will take you to a different world. You will find art sculptures scattered throughout the desert. But if you wait until the sun goes down, it's a designated International Dark Sky Community, so you get amazing star gazing and astrophotography!

PALM SPRINGS Travel Time: 2.5 hours

A popular desert getaway for Southern Californians, Palm Springs offers glamorous pools, hot springs, stylish hotels, golf courses, and spas. It's the perfect playground for adults.

IDYLLWILD Travel Time: 2 hours

This quaint town has over 50 trails to explore in the San Jacinto Mountains. You can even glamp here if you want to spend the night.

ANAHEIM / DISNEYLAND Travel Time: 2 hours

Enter a magical kingdom where you can sail with pirates, explore exotic jungles, meet fairytale princesses, dive under the ocean and rocket through the stars—all in the same day. You can also explore Downtown Disney and the Anaheim Packing District.

LOS ANGELES Travel Time: 2 hours by car

Venice Beach, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica Pier, La Brea Tar Pits, Hollywood and the Griffith Observatory are just a few places to explore during your time in LA. There is plenty to do, see, and eat, and you could probably visit every weekend for the entire year and still have new things to do.

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK Travel Time: 2.5 hours

There is plenty of outdoor activity for any level of fitness. You can hike, rock climb, camp overnight or just drive through this beautiful national park.

SALVATION MOUNTAIN & SALTON SEA Travel Time: 2.5-3 hours

Can you imagine dedicating your entire life to one art piece? See Leonard Knight's lifelong project to create something that displays "God is Love." Also, visit Salton Sea while you're there. The surface is 234 ft below sea level!

TIJUANA Travel Time: 30 minutes

Cross over the border and visit the largest city in Baja California. Peruse the shops, get some delicious food, or just people watch.

ENSENADA Travel Time: 2 hours

Have some of the most delicious fish tacos in the city where it originated. Then head over to visit the largest blowhole in the world. That pretty much sums up the whole city.

VALLE DE GUADALUPE Travel Time: 2 hours

Valle de Guadalupe is called the Napa Valley of Mexico. They offer a great wine scene for a fraction of the price, and wine tasting is available year round.